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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Saturday, the 22nd December 1956.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at half-past two of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

House Building Schemes

* 122 *Q*.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased—

(i) to state the amounts allotted to this State under the First Five-year Plan for

(*a*) general house building schemes; and

(*b*) industrial housing schemes and the date or dates on which sanction therefor was communicated to this Government together with the conditions for their utilisation; and

(ii) to place on the table of the House a list showing—

(*a*) the specific schemes for which the above amounts were allotted;

(*b*) the actual amount spent in the First Plan period on each of the schemes referred to in clause (*a*) above; and

(*c*) the balance left unspent and lapsed and the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (i) & (ii) The information is furnished in the statement[a] placed on the table of the House.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: From the statement placed on the table of the House, it is noted that large amounts have lapsed. Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture kindly tell us whether the lapsed amounts would be allotted during the next year so that the housing schemes may be pushed through?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, as has been pointed out in the statement placed on the table, there would have been lapses on account of various factors which could not be avoided. But, there should be no worry and no difficulty about the availability of sufficient funds. Only we have to mobilise all the forces to get this programme through completely.

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 273–274 infra.

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